

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 2329, Crime Victims' Rights Act.

The House passed H.R. 2844, Continuity in Representation Act of 2003.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4237–S4335

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2334–2345. **Pages S4300–01**

Measures Reported:

H. Con. Res. 328, Recognizing and honoring the United States Armed Forces and supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month.

S. Res. 310, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

S. 2270, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal. **Page S4300**

Measures Passed:

Crime Victims' Rights: By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 70), Senate passed S. 2329, to protect crime victims' rights, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4260–80**

Kyl/Feinstein Amendment No. 3047, of a technical nature. **Pages S4278–80**

Asbestos Litigation: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2290, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure. **Pages S4247–60**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 69), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill. **Page S4257**

Internet Tax Non-Discrimination Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 150, to make permanent the morato-

rium on taxes on Internet access and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce imposed by the Internet Tax Freedom Act. **Page S4333**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, pursuant to the order of today, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 26, 2004. **Page S4333**

Message From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report prepared by the National Science Board entitled "Science and Engineering Indicators—2004"; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–75) **Page S4299**

Messages From the House: **Page S4299**

Measures Referred: **Page S4299**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S4333**

Measures Read First Time: **Page S4299**

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Amendments Submitted: **Page S4332**

Authority for Committees to Meet: **Pages S4332–33**

Privilege of the Floor: **Page S4333**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—70)

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, April 26, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4333.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FAA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Federal Aviation Administration, after receiving testimony from Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation.

OCEAN POLICY REPORT

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy Report, which provides a blueprint for a coordinated, comprehensive national ocean policy for the 21st century, including 200 action-oriented recommendations concerning ocean and coastal-related issues, after receiving testimony from Admiral James D. Watkins, USN (Ret.), Chairman, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

OCEAN POLICY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy Report, focusing on broad range ocean and coastal-related issues for the 21st Century, after receiving testimony from Representatives Farr and Ehlers; and Admiral James D. Watkins, USN (Ret.), Chairman, and Robert Ballard, Marc J. Hershman, Christopher Koch, Edward B. Rasmuson, Andrew A. Rosenberg, and Paul A. Sandifer, each a Commissioner, all of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy.

IRAQ TRANSITION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine obstacles and opportunities regarding the Iraq transition, focusing on the Administration's plans for the transition to Iraqi sovereignty, after receiving testimony from Marc Grossman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, and Francis J. Ricciardone, Jr., Coordinator, Iraq Transition Team, both of the Department of State; Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, and Lieutenant General Claude Kicklighter (Ret.), Transition Chief, Coalition Provisional Authority, both of the Department of Defense; and Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lauren Moriarty, of Hawaii, to be Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Michael W. Marine, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to Vietnam, and Patricia M. Haslach, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to Laos, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine U.S.-China relations and the status of reforms in China, focusing on human rights conditions and the prospects for democracy in China, after receiving testimony from Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Richard Lawless, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense; Arthur Waldron, University of Pennsylvania Department of History, Philadelphia; and Thea Lee, AFL-CIO, Pieter Bottelier, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, and Roger W. Robinson, Jr., U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to South Africa, who was introduced by Senator Warner; Jack Dyer Crouch II, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Romania, who was introduced by Senator Bond; and Victor Henderson Ashe, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Poland, who was introduced by Senator Alexander, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING (REVISION)

Committee on Indian Affairs: On Wednesday, April 21, Committee approved a revised amendment in the nature of a substitute, which will be offered as a Floor amendment to S. 344, expressing the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity (pending on Senate calendar).

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills: